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A New Day Dawns For Eighteen Very Happy Families

An overcast morning sky greeted those gathered for the ribbon-cutting, but in the hearts of the 18 new resident families, invited guests, Jersey City Mayor, Bret Schundler and onlookers, the day was filled with sunshine.

The symbolic cutting of the green and white ribbon that morning completed Phase II of the Ocean-Bayview Courts rental apartments. The 2 and 3 bedroom units demonstrated a new beginning for 18 families who will live in the nine 2-story modular built homes on Ocean Avenue in Jersey City.

The attractive complex replaces vacant lots and abandoned buildings creating the nucleus of a renewed neighborhood. Sarah White, one of the new residents, knows that the sunlit area has problems, but said, "It's a big difference after living in the projects for 15 years." When she received a call on her job that she had been accepted as one of the residents she began to cry, and fellow employees thought something was wrong at home. She assured them these were tears of joy, for "thank God I have a new home." Her two children are pleased, especially her 9 year old son who is "overjoyed about his own room."

She is determined to organize the

new residents to keep the complex in good shape.

These 18 units join the 15 previously erected on Ocean and Van Nest roads Avenue. They represent a joint venture with Colgate-Palmolive and serve as a model of public/private partnership. The financial resources were provided by Colgate-Palmolive, Jersey City Redevelopment Agency, Pamrapo Savings Bank, NY Federal Home Loan Bank and National Equity Fund. The low-income residents are chosen from the State's Affordable Housing waiting list meeting financial restrictions.

When asked recently how she felt about her new home, Patricia Curry said, "Today is May 24th, the one month anniversary of Bayview Phase II; it's been a great pleasure." She said she thanks God every day for her new home and "will strive to keep it together no matter what it takes," for she has 2 little girls to provide for.

Theresa Timberlake felt, "The Lord heard and answered my prayers." She was also "overjoyed" to be a resident of "such a beautiful complex."

That same feeling of joy was reflected by Felicia Ponciano who is enjoying her new home with her husband and two children. "It's wonderful and lovely and I love it." She



Assisting in the ribbon cutting are: (left to right) Charles Donelan, Pamrapo Savings Bank; Bret Schundler, Mayor; Dena Bianchino, Colgate-Palmolive; and Monsignor William Linder, New Community.

proudly told of taking care of keeping it clean and said thoughtfully, "To be honest with you, this is a blessing from God, and I thank Him every day. Thank you, New Community."

During the ceremony the excitement of the residents was contagious and

their joy and happiness in being part of the rebirth of their community was obvious. They were eager to show guests their newly decorated homes. Each apartment became an open house as residents led guests inside.

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25 Students Are 'On The Job' At Center For Employment Training



The CET trainees are primed and ready to go! We wish all the participants well as they begin this exciting new phase.

On Monday, May 10th, the newest of New Community Corporation's human services programs began operations. The New Community Corporation Center For Employment Training (NCC CET) began operating with three classes of 25 Harmony House residents as the first students. The Harmony House group is the first of many groups which will supply students for this new job training enterprise modeled after the highly successful San Jose, California Center

For Employment Training.

The new trainees are enrolled in training in three skills areas. One group is studying Commercial Food Service, another group is enrolled in Home Health Aide Training, and a third group is in the Building Maintenance Technician course. The three instructors are all NCC staff members on temporary assignment to the NCC CET who attended CET Replication Training in San Jose, California, last month (see May issue

of *The Clarion*) Anthony Beachum, Assistant Manager of the World of Foods Restaurant, is Commercial Food Service Instructor; Sr. Ann Tumulty, Director of NCC Home Health is Home Health Aide Instructor, and William Robinson, Assistant Director of Central Maintenance is the Instructor for Building Maintenance. The three will eventually, also train new instructors as the NCC CET grows.

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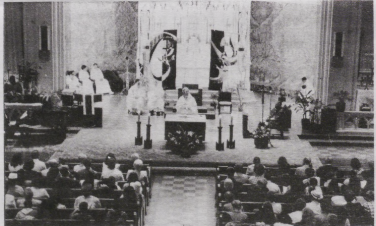
"Make A Joyful Noise"

Monsignor Linder's 30th Anniversary In The Priesthood Honored

Monsignor William J. Linder, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church and founder of New Community Corporation, marked the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood at an 11:00 concelebrated liturgy on May 23 in St. Rose. Family, friends, colleagues, and parishioners filled the church, whose sanctuary was resplendent with large baskets of flowers and colorful banners. Celebrants included Rev. Monsignor Richard McGuinness and Rev. Fabio Brenes-Chavez, associate pastor of St. Rose. Most Reverend Joseph Francis, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, was the homilist.

To carry out the theme "Make a Joyful Noise" the planning committee engaged the Hilton Ruiz Jazz Ensemble of Bloomfield College to perform the Jazz Mass composed by the late musician Mary Lou Williams. The

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St. Rose of Lima Church was filled with friends and family as they joined Monsignor William Linder in celebrating the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

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National Nursing Home Week

The Extended Care Facility was buzzing with excitement and activity.

The hustle and bustle was in preparation for National Nursing Home Week and our 4th Annual Adopt-A-Resident Day. This is always a busy week for the residents and staff of the Extended Care Facility.

Our never tiring activity staff decorated our home with pictures and posters to reflect the love and caring here at New Community.

In honor of our residents, the nurs-



Mary Am Beyah puts the final touches on her "adopted" resident, Margaret Booker. There is one of many special friendships at the NC Extended Care Facility.

ing staff of each unit prepared a special luncheon and each resident received a special gift. Our Activity Department had a full schedule of special events. Monday, May 10th, began the festivities, with Casino Day where our residents enjoyed the excitement of an Atlantic City type atmosphere. The busy week concluded with Hawaiian Day. The week was lots of fun for residents as well as staff.

Mary Gibson, RNC
Head Nurse, 3rd Floor

Contributions To New Community Corporation

If you would like to make a memorial gift or donation to New Community it would be most welcome.

If you would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact Lynn Mertz at Fund Development, (201) 482-0682.

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Babyland Nursery, Inc. Begins Providing Quality Care For Corporate America

Babyland Nursery, Inc., an integral part of New Community Corporation, the largest community development corporation in New Jersey and one of the largest in the nation, had their official dedication ceremony of Babyland VI located in the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey facility, 3 Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey, on May 14th.

Babyland Nursery is the first and finest non-profit, inter-racial, non-sectarian infant day care center in the State of New Jersey for children ages two and one half months to five years. The Center opened in August 1969 and was incorporated in June 1970.

Babyland was responsible for setting the regulations which allow licensing for infant day care in New Jersey. Because of its reputation for competency and excellence, Babyland has been continuously sought to administer some special programs, i.e., a protec-



Congressman Donald Payne happily accepts his teddy bear from Babyland Executive Director, Mary Smith.

tive service program for abused and neglected children; a shelter for victims of family violence; New Jersey's first day care for babies with AIDS; teenage parent programs including day care for their babies; and day care for children of homeless families living in Harmony House, a New Com-



Babyland VI youngsters delight onlookers by singing classic children's songs during the dedication ceremony.

munity Corporation transitional housing facility.

For the first time, Babyland has had an opportunity to expand its child care services into the corporate environment, said Mary Smith, Founder and Executive Director of Babyland Nursery, Inc. "I am particularly excited about being able to provide quality child care to employees of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey at the work site since mothers and fathers will be able to spend more time with their children and will have a better chance of being part of their developmental stages. We expect this to be a long-term relationship that will see productive members of our society at the graduation of each Babyland child who may one day take over the leadership of Blue Cross/Blue Shield because of his/her physical, social, emotional, and educational experiences."

Guest speakers at the 10:00 a.m. open house included Monsignor William J. Linder, Founder of New Community Corporation; Dr. John Pettilo, President of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey; and the Honorable Congressman Donald Payne, 10th District of New Jersey. Babyland is very proud of each of its

program components, but especially the collaborative effort of Babyland Nursery, Inc. and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey, to develop personal values and skills, academic learning, group values and family partnership to the children of Blue Cross/Blue Shield employees in a corporate day care setting.



Dr. John Pettilo

Nurse's Day Observed

On May 6, New Community Extended Care Facility celebrated Nurses' Day with an ice cream social for all the nursing staff. Corsages were worn by the nursing staff as a sign of the compassionate care they provide to the residents at Extended Care. "I am very happy to work with such a group

of professional and caring individuals. The nursing staff is just great, especially the way they give personalized care to our elderly residents," said Sr. Daniele Brought, RN, director of the nursing staff. Congratulations to all our nurses! We couldn't do without you.



An exuberant Sr. Daniele chats with members of her nursing staff during the ice cream social given in their honor.

Letter to the Editor: A Bravo For Young Authors

Dear Folks,

Please know that the 13 youngsters listed: Chairmain Branton, Barry Ismael, Laniese Hayes, Anthony Hughes, Brandon Lumford, Latoya Mills, Vanessa Mitchell, Jasmine Moore, Janice Moore, James Porter, Chanise White, Jason Williams, and Crystal Wright, will be receiving a special "Young Author's Certificate" along with plaques for completing written responses to "The Reading Circus" program conducted at Harmony House in March. This program and others like it, along with the awards, are sponsored by *The Writing and Literacy Workshops*, Rutgers, Newark. We hope to be back to Harmony House soon!

One of the reasons we hope to come back is because *all* the children attending our program were wonderful. I would like to thank *all* the children who attended the program for their sincere interest in learning and fun. Every one of them deserves applause. Bravo!

Best regards to all,

Patricia Bender
Project Director
The Writing and Literacy Program

25 Students Are 'On The Job'... (Continued from page 1)

The program began on May 10th with an Orientation Breakfast held at the NCC World of Foods Restaurant. There, all the trainees met the NCC CET planning team, which includes all the Instructors and Counselors assigned to them. In addition to their instructors, Tanya McKoy, Administrator of the Employment Center, will serve as their Support Counselor; Felicia Holmes, Employment Counselor, will serve as the Basic Educational Skills Instructor; and June Rodriguez, Assistant Director of Harmony House, will serve as their Crisis Counselor. Tanya McKoy

views provided by the California trained team, Sr. Catherine Moran, is functioning as Curriculum Director, and Chiranjit Khanna, Director of Management Information Systems for NCC, is setting up the CET MIS financial system.

The CET method of training was shown by a study funded by the Rockefeller Foundation to be the most effective method for helping unemployed women receiving public assistance to move into full time employment in skilled occupations. The CET method is considered to be non-traditional and features open en-

Williams has been heavily involved in planning the transfer of technology that has enabled the New Community CET to become the first operating CET in the New York/Newark Metropolitan area and indeed, in New Jersey. Ms. Williams and James Gerofsky, Assistant Director of Development are responsible for leading the teams which wrote over six successful, grant proposals totalling over \$2 million which will fund either the construction of a new facility to house the NCC CET or operation and tuition for students.

The funding of training for the Harmony House students is paid by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Transitional Housing program. The total amount granted is \$861,000.00 which will pay for the training of 90 Harmony House residents in each of the next five years. This grant, coupled with the variety of other programs and services available to Harmony House residents, is one of the assets which has made Harmony House an award winning program.

Thanks to grants from the Victoria Foundation and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, NCC has acquired property located at 201 Bergen Street, on which the New Center for Employment Training will be built. Another grant from the Victoria Foundation has funded project planning activities. From 10 to 12 skills will be taught in this new training facility and a day care center to house 60 infants and pre-schoolers of

students, will be a part of the building. At the present time, Msgr. William Linder and Raymond Godoy, NCC Director of Development are engaged in negotiations to complete the financing for the new structure. A ground breaking is expected by the fall of 1993.

The Harmony House students are excitedly planning their futures and looking forward to the completion of their studies. Over the next few months, customers and clients of NCC will see the students as they engage in practical training. Commercial Food Service students will not only prepare meals but will learn how to operate a cafeteria so customers of the World of Foods Restaurant will see students wearing the distinctive NCC CET name tags. Patients at the NCC Extended Care Facility will interact with the Home Health Trainees, and residents of NCC's Senior buildings will meet the Building Maintenance Technician trainees as they accompany staff to maintain their buildings.

The ability to offer "real world" training is what makes the NCC CET unique. New Community's existing resources of related businesses, services, and programs offer excellent possibilities for practical training in all of the current training areas as well as those that will be phased in later. The planning team is moving ahead with the next phase which includes hiring staff including job developers for the Harmony House trainees, adding skills training areas, and putting the NCC CET administrative structure in place.



The maintenance technician course being taught here by William Robinson (left) is an integral part of NCC CET. Program director, Florence Williams (standing) oversees activities.

and Felicia Holmes also attended the CET California training and will train new staff to be hired as counselors and basics skills instructors.

A typical day as NCC CET students will see theory and practical training taking place in the morning from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. with a one hour break for lunch. Training resumes from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. and includes Basic Educational Skills including tutoring for the GED Certificate, Support Counseling as needed, and employability training. Tanya McKoy and Felicia Holmes are responsible for those sessions. To round out the ser-

try with no pre-testing to screen out trainees, self-paced instructions, and basic educational instruction integrated into the skills training curriculum. In addition, support counseling, assistance with learning the skills to survive in the "world of work," day care and other services are all part of the package. Aggressive job development through strong contacts with local employers complete the CET approach.

The New Community CET has been in the planning stage for two years. A large NCC planning team led by NCC Director of Human Services Florence

Family Recognition Night

A crowd of 100 members of the New Community and Babyland families joined together at Family Recognition Night, held at the Priory Restaurant at St. Joseph Plaza on Monday evening, May 10th. As part of the joint 25th Anniversary celebration activities, Family Recognition Night was planned to show appreciation to representatives of the many groups within New Community and Babyland which work on behalf of families. The event also reaffirmed the importance of the family structure in the life of New Community, Babyland, and the City of Newark.

Family Recognition Night was the responsibility of the NCC Department of Human Services which planned the program. The planning committee was chaired by Florence Williams, Director of Human Services, and included Sr. Anastasia Hearne, Assistant Director of Human Services; Randolph Odum, Assistant Director of Human Services; Sr. Ann Tumulty, Administrator of Home Health; Elsie Best, Administrator of Home Friends; Tanya McKoy, Administrator of the Employment Center; Jeannette Page-Hawkins, Administrator of Harmony House; and Lynn Mertz, NCC Director of Fund Development. Mrs. Mary Smith, Executive Director of Babyland Nursery, Inc. is Chairperson of the 25th Anniversary Committee.

An excellent dinner, prepared by the staff of the Priory Restaurant, set the tone for the evening. Florence Williams, NCC Director of Human Services acted as Mistress of Ceremonies. Entertainment was provided by children and youth who are members of the New Community family. A group of four children, the McGee Family, charmed the audience by singing a special arrangement of "Jesus Loves Me" and performing a dance to the music of the Hallelujah Chorus. The multi-talented quartet of young ladies included Laquetta Adams, age 12, Nakkia Adams, age 10, Jessica Johnson, age 7, and Charia

Magnum, age 6. A group of five young men called The Base Group, performed three songs acapella, so well that they were called back for an encore. Their style and



The Base Group performs acapella during "Family Recognition Night."

voices blended in such beautiful harmony that their performance was more reminiscent of the "doo-wop" groups of the 60's instead of the "rap" oriented 90's. Nevertheless, their performance stirred the Family Recognition Night audience to a standing ovation. Everyone hopes to hear more from this talented group.

The highlight of the evening was an inspirational speech by Mrs. Aletha Wright, Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Jim Florio. In her introduction of Mrs. Wright, Florence Williams spoke of Mrs. Wright's long service in the child care community, and her former role as Director of the Family Development Program of the New Jersey Division of Economic Assistance.

Mrs. Wright spoke of the influence of her mother and those in her family who have inspired her to achieve and to work on behalf of children and families. She urged those attending to continue their work to make their lives and their communities better. The evening ended with all joining hands and singing the Michael Jackson song, "Heal The World," led by Mrs. Wright and The Base group.

A New Day Dawns...

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Resident Theresa Moore had spent the majority of her life in projects. "Because living in a home is so excellent it leaves me speechless," she told us. Her children are enjoying the back yard especially, she related. "It's like our very own," she heard them say. "We clean the area as a team," Theresa revealed proudly. "Our family feels we're in a little city/country home. My home is a blessing and I'm working toward a higher goal — to keep my home a blessing for years to come."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony meant

a great deal to the new residents, as it affirmed their dignity and gave them a chance to meet some of the staff who worked so hard to make it possible despite the complexity of the planning and even some false starts due to environmental concerns. "We want to thank NCC for everything they did for us," said Sarah, "the ribbon-cutting, the platters of food. Not only the moving in but dealing with people. It took a lot of time."

Seems like New Community and the residents have established another fine partnership.



The beautiful new homes on Ocean Avenue represent a major accomplishment for all involved, developers, builders and residents alike.

Bring Your Daughter/Son To Work Day NCC Style

NCC joined the rest of America on April 28 and participated in National Bring Your Daughter to Work Day. Sponsored by the Ms. Foundation, the purpose of the day was to give our girls the opportunity to meet women in a variety of careers in order to help the girls set their sites high on what they could achieve.

We wholeheartedly believed in the philosophy of the program, yet we also saw the need to provide the same opportunity for our boys. Concurrently, one of the components of the 25th Anniversary Celebration plans was to do educational activities, and May had been dedicated as Family Month; the pieces were fitting together so smoothly!

The programs for both the girls and the boys were the same. The girls had their day with the rest of the country on April 28 and the boys had their day at work on May 20. The day for both groups began with continental breakfast at the World of Foods with their sponsors — moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and folks who wanted to adopt a child for the day. The breakfast program included an orientation for the day and a chance to get to know the other participants. To make professions seem real, and learn a bit of the road that was taken to achieve their success, Florence Williams, Director of Human Services and Lynn Mertz, Director of Fund Development chose a handful of role models from around the New Community Network and highlighted their careers for the girls and boys.

The girls were introduced to Dr. Lori Colyer-Aversa, Medical Director at Babyland; Mrs. Lee Dulog, Legal Secretary at NCC; Ms. Pamela Austin, Personnel Assistant; Ms. Denise McCoy, Secretary; Ms. June Rodriguez, Assistant Administrator of

Harmony House.

The boys learned about the careers of John Aiegbo, RN, with Home Health; Lieut. Perry, Security Department; Michael Jackson, Career Center; Fred Williams, Assistant Director of Security; Oscar Duran, Finance; and Anthony Beachum, Instructor.

Following their breakfast, the children went to the worksite with their sponsors and got first hand experience of what work was like. The general consensus was that the children didn't realize how hard their parents worked; it was a lot more than answering phones and going to lunch.

After a grueling morning at the office/worksite, the adults and children returned to the World of Foods for a delicious buffet lunch. Time was spent swapping stories of filing papers, using copy machines, visiting sick patients, attending meetings.

A day at New Community would not be complete without a tour. So just like all the other VIPs who came to visit New Community, the children got to board the NCC bus and learn of how New Community began, why it began, and all about the components of the organization.

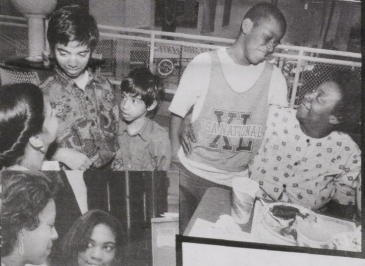
We at New Community took this day very seriously. As a community development corporation, it is our duty to expose the next generation to the potential careers right within our own community. As New Community Board Member Mr. Joe Chaneyfield said when he spoke to the children, "You have to go to school and prepare yourself to run the business when I'm no longer able. It makes me feel good to see such bright, eager faces — kids who want to be lawyers, doctors, teachers. It's your job to make our community strong."

Lynn Mertz



"On our tour, we met the NCC dress-maker who makes all kinds of stuff. It was a fun day."

Celeste Trusty, 9



"After spending the day in the security department, I think I want to be a police officer when I grow up."

Shaun Ruffin, 11

Make A Joyful Noise Unto The Lord...

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group, consisting of keyboard, double bass, flute, saxophone and percussion, filled the church with pulsating rhythm. The combined chords of St. Rose of Lima Church, directed by Mrs. Emily Ross, provided melodious vocals and added a note of color in their bright red and electric blue robes.

This music was a special surprise for Msgr. Linder, who had known Mary Lou Williams when she performed the Jazz Mass at Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish in the 1960's. As the liturgy began, he said, "The music was really a surprise. I always enjoyed Mary Lou's music." He went on to explain that most of the New Community buildings have pianos because of her influence, noting that the in-

struments had to be Baldwins. "Mary Lou wouldn't play on a cheap piano," he joked.

After readings in Spanish and English by Robert Rohman, Soledad Alston, and Migdalia Martinez, Monsignor and Father Fabio read the gospel in both languages as well. Then Bishop Francis began his talk by stating, "This is the homily I really wanted to do."

He went on to recall his first meeting with Father Bill Linder 17 years ago at the behest of Archbishop Peter Gerety. He wondered then if this young priest who had a "blossoming vision" of what could be accomplished was "a hopeless romantic, a hopeless visionary. Did he live in the real world of poverty?" The bishop

realized quickly that Father Linder saw conditions very clearly and realistically, regarding slums as economic conditions that cripple people. He quoted Martin Luther King on the need to integrate religion with real life, going beyond the vertical approach, noting that Monsignor in his 30 years in the priesthood has been making changes on both the horizontal and vertical planes, getting the attention of the world's movers and shakers. "Bill Linder is about the empowerment of people, from Babyland to seniorland and all in between." Finally the bishop remarked that unlike the current "jingoism of the rainbow coalition, New Community was doing it long before some people knew how to spell rainbow coalition." This statement evoked enthusiastic and spontaneous applause from the congregation.

Offertory gifts were carried to the altar by members of Monsignor's family. As the choir sang "Give us peace, O Lord. Send us peace, O Lord," the clergy and congregation exchanged warm handshakes and other signs of peace and joy.

After communion Cecilia Faulks, NCC's Human Resources Director and New Community's first employee, read letters of congratulations from Governor Jim Florio and U.S. Congresswoman Marie Roukema. James DuBose of the Essex County Sheriff's Office, former head of NCC Security, read a citation from Daniel J. Dalton, New Jersey Secretary of State. The political community was represented at the liturgy by State Senator Jack Ewing.

As the liturgy was ending Monsignor stepped to the microphone to thank all who had come to celebrate, noting that he had crossed out some names from the guest list because he thought it would be difficult for them to get there. To his surprise many persons arrived anyway, and he said wary of the committee, "They pay no attention to me. Today that's all right, but tomorrow..." He let his remark trail away as laughter erupted from the congregation. One guest who was a particular surprise was Juan Soto, NCC's first Director of Maintenance, who had returned to Puerto Rico to live.

Monsignor added a final anecdote about Mary Lou Williams, recalling a performance of the Jazz Mass at Queen

of Angels that had included the great Dizzy Gillespie. After mass Father Linder thanked him for the Offertory selection he had performed. Dizzy Gillespie opened his instrument case, took out his horn, and proceeded to give a private — and memorable — concert for the few remaining persons in the church.

All were invited to continue the celebration in the park behind St. Rose Rectory where a bountiful picnic awaited the guests. Hundreds of people then poured out into the sunshine to line up for barbecued chicken, ribs, hot dogs, hamburgers and sausages; several varieties of salad; many Hispanic food specialties; fruit in real watermelon "baskets" with "30" carved out of the handles; beverages, Italian bread; pastries; and finally cake and cookies.

Adults and children alike enjoyed the fabulous food, which had been prepared by NCC's food service departments and St. Rose parishioners. The lively beat of the Latino band lured some onto the dance floor, while others enjoyed relaxing in the shade of the huge lawn umbrellas. Children climbed the playground equipment to their heart's content. As persons of many cultures and colors mingled and enjoyed the day, it was apparent that Bishop Francis' remarks about NCC being a rainbow coalition were particularly apt.

Monsignor Linder enjoyed his celebration, chatting with all, and graciously posing for pictures with anyone who asked. As he stood still for a photo with his friend and classmate, Rev. Kevin P. Ashe, the fulfillment and happiness he has found in 30 years of ministering to the people of God was evident in his smile.

Members of the 30th Anniversary Committee were: Soledad Alston; Laura Angelo; Ruth Baysah; Rev. Fabio Brenes-Chavez; Anna Colon; Joyce Cook; Winnie Gantt Davis; Martha Freeman; Sister Anastasia Hearn SSJ; Laura Lloyd; Migdalia Martinez; Marie Masuecia; Sister Guadalupe Nieto, MSJ; Sister Marie O'Donnell, SSJ; Emily Ross; Mary Smith; Sister Helene Trueitt, ABC; Sister Ann Tumulty, OF, Cleave Willburn. They are to be congratulated and thanked for creating a memorable and meaningful celebration.

Sister Barbara Boyle, SSJ



Father Linder (left) discusses plans for the future New Community in 1967 with community leaders of that time.

30 Years Have Gone By Quickly

Thirty years ago, the ordination of Wm. J. Linder began a priestly career like many others; he was assigned as parish priest to Queen of Angels, an inner city parish in the Central Ward of Newark. There he listened to the stories of everyday life struggles and lack of self-dignity and injustice which beset his congregation.

Housing conditions and the futility of efforts to help themselves struck a chord. With a background in engineering at Manhattan College before his entrance into the priesthood, Father Linder could see the self-defeating design of the Newark Housing Authority projects in which many of his people were forced to live.

In 1966, after gathering residents together to work for housing change and self-dignity, he set upon a course whereby they could change their own lives and live proudly.

New Community Corporation was born.

One of Father's favorite sayings is, "Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day; teach them how to fish and you feed them for life." So he, himself, began to learn "how to fish" and to pass on that knowledge to them.

His search for knowledge led him from the Wharton School in Pennsylvania to the Centre Intercultural de Documentation in Cuernavaca, Mexico, and from the Institute for Professional Development at Rutgers University to the National Real Estate Development Center in Washington, D.C.

And all the while New Community grew.

In 1974 he became administrator of St. Rose of Lima Parish, and the Archdiocese of Newark chose him as director of research and planning. Finally in 1977 he became pastor of St.

Rose, where he serves today.

Always the balance of the people's needs and his priestly commitment to serve others has been maintained along the circuitous public/church road he has traveled.

His work for the underserved has generated many awards, such as the New Jersey Pride Award for Community Development - 1987, The Governor's Gold Medal - 1990, The MacArthur Foundation Fellowship Award (Genius Award) - 1991, and this year's honor of being one of President Clinton's Faces of Hope at his inauguration.

That the people he serves have benefited from his priestly dedication can be seen in the 2,400 units of decent safe housing enjoyed by New Community residents, with an extended care facility just off the street, and a transitional homeless facility where 102 families can receive all the help they need to get back on their feet through employment training and daycare while learning. The accomplishments are endless.

The elderly especially bless him every day as they walk to the nearby New Community/Pathmark Supermarket to enjoy not only excellent food marketing, but visits with their friends and neighbors, a far cry from carrying home their groceries on buses from out of town as they had to do for so many years because of the devastation following the 1967 disorders.

We thank God for the many talents He has bestowed on Father Linder which have been used to serve God's people so well and we ask His blessings on him as he celebrates the 30th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

What will the next 30 years hold?

S/O Clarence Anderson is representative of an Officer who works above and beyond the call of duty.

While off duty and on personal business at a Social Security Office, Officer Anderson observed an elderly woman who was having a seizure and immediately performed CPR to revive

her, thereby saving her life.

S/O Anderson demonstrates the high calibre performance intrinsic to a member of the New Community Security Department.

Good work!

Officer Of The Month



He's done it again! S/O Clarence Anderson has been named officer of the month for the second consecutive month.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1993
TIME: 6:30 PM TO MIDNIGHT
PLACE: ST. ROSE SCHOOL
TICKETS: ADULTS - \$5.00
CHILDREN - \$2.50

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BABYLAND HEALTH FOCUS

Healthy Homes

by Lori Colyer-Aversa, M.D.

Keeping our homes squeaky clean is a difficult task in this day and age. Our work schedules leave very little time for house work. Yet new products come out every day that promise fast cleaning solutions but do little more than make the house smell sweet.

Even though the house looks neat it is still important to stop the spread of germs. Bacteria and viruses are the unseen germs that make people sick. They are found in body fluids of the nose, eyes and mouth. When a person sneezes or coughs these germs land on the surfaces in your home and can live there for days and in some cases weeks. The next person to touch the surface now has the germ and can become infected by touching his own face.

So, how can we battle against these disease causing critters? Start with the following:

1. WASH YOUR HANDS

- Before and after you eat
- Before preparing foods
- After using the toilet
- After changing diapers
- After coughs or sneezes
- Use a mild soap and rinse

thoroughly.

2. DISINFECT

- Wipe all toys or furniture regularly with disinfectant.
- Wash dishes and kitchen utensils in hot water.
- Do laundry once a week if possible.

3. COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE WHEN YOU COUGH OR SNEEZE.

- Teach your children too.
- Do not share tissues.
- Keep your hands away from your face.

4. DO NOT SHARE:

- tooth brushes
- hair brushes or combs
- make up
- pacifiers or bottles

5. KEEP THE AIR FRESH

- Air out the rooms periodically.
- Use house plants. They help rid the air of poisons.

In a city where people live so close together the spread of disease can be deadly. Many people are contagious before they start to feel sick. It's not enough to look clean, you have to be clean.

Run For Children Together

Over 30 friends of Children Together came out to show their support for the new Babyland program and have a little fun during the 1993 Cherry Blossom Run in Branch Brook Park.

Children Together designed T-shirts and invited all friends of Babyland Nursery and New Community to join the Children Together Team. The annual run, held Sunday, April 25, was sponsored by PruCare HMO, The Prudential, and the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. Hundreds of people participated in the run and thousands turned up on this beautiful spring day

to watch the race and enjoy the gorgeous cherry blossom trees throughout the park.

Everyone on the Children Together team completed the 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) run, with one award winning member of the Team. Lauren Ruffin, daughter of Children Together's director, James Ruffin, received an award for 2nd place finish in her age group of 14 and under.

Congratulations to Lauren for her award, and to all the people who ran and all those who cheered for Children Together.

Week Of The Young Child

The children and staff from Babyland II, IV and Good Starts proclaimed Week of the Child (April 20-24) by parading with banners around the block of their centers.

The theme was "Their Future is in Our Hands." The children's parade was an effort to make people aware of our most precious possessions — our

children — and the importance of good child care. The signs the children carried held words of wisdom, "Respect Me and I'll Respect You," "Our Differences Make Us Special," and "Love All People."

We can certainly learn much from our children.

Sister Suzanne Janis



Week of the Young Child promotes good values from a very early age, as depicted by the signs held by the children above.

Teens And Moms Celebrate Mother's Day

At the Priory Restaurant, the younger teens whose children attend Babyland's Family/Child Development Program celebrated Mother's Day on Thursday evening, May 6th. Accompanied by their own mothers, or a supportive friend, they enjoyed a supper buffet, entertainment and dancing. A guest dancer, Samuel theme from Nigeria, demonstrated African dances for the group; he then taught them how to dance the steps themselves.

A Mother-Daughter communication

game brought hugs, followed by pink carnations for all.

This particular Babyland program is part of a national effort initiated by Catholic Charities USA to assist whole families while the teens are young, in an effort to help them and their children achieve their goals and personal fulfillment. Babyland staff along with the families are committed to these goals.

Sr. Mary Sheridan
Assistant Director,
Babyland



Betty Terry (left) laughs it up with her daughter Kakisha Greene at the recent Mother's Day celebration held at The Priory Restaurant.

Babyland V Celebrates

The children at Babyland V celebrated the recent "Week of the Young Child" sponsored locally by the Office of Children in Newark.

The budding artists at the center contributed some of their original works to be displayed in the art show at the Newark City Hall. In observance of Inter-generational Day, the toddlers invited their adopted "grandpas" from the NCC Extended Care Facility to visit. The arrival of the "grandpas" at the center was a most exciting moment and the joy persisted throughout the visit. Many hugs and

smiles were exchanged. The children and visitors enjoyed a snack together and had no trouble with a generation gap.

Banner Day was observed by the 4 year old class, which paraded their special Babyland banners through the neighborhood, announcing their presence with songs and the accompanying music of drums.

Seeing the children enjoying the various events gave added impact to the theme of this year's observance — "Their Future Is In Our Hands."

Sr. Regina Holtz

Babyland PCC Recognizes Teen Of The Month

On May 12, 1993, the Parent Child Center presented Bernadine Cabbagestalk with the Teen of the Month Award.

Since joining the Parent Child Center on December 8, 1992, Bernadine has been an active participant in the program. She attends and participates in parenting skills workshops and parent child classroom activities. She also serves as a parent

member on Head Start's Policy Council.

Bernadine's most noted accomplishment was her decision to return to high school to complete her education. She is now attending night school at Westside High School to obtain her G.E.D.

As Teen of the Month, Bernadine was awarded a free facial by THE WRIGHT CUT, a local business. The staff at Babyland Nursery Parent Child Center extends our appreciation to THE WRIGHT CUT for their contribution.

Shonda Laurel
Head Start Family Worker



Bernadine Cabbagestalk and her son, Quashon Powell.

Something Cool

The Head Start Parent Child Center made raspberry Jello molds today. The children had fun making shapes such as hearts, angels, trees, bells, gingerbread men, and circles, with the Jello mold. This was a healthy way to cool off in the warm weather and learn at the same time.

Teachers, Mr. Parks, Ms. Wilson, and Ms. Causey, also enjoyed this activity.

PCC
Babyland I

Spring Activities For Head Start

The parents and children from the Head Start Parent-Child Center Program welcomed spring by participating in many activities.

An event the children, staff and parents will remember is their trip to the All American Circus in the South Mountain Arena in West Orange. The combined music, theater, dance, humor and animal acts enchanted both children and adults.

The mothers enjoyed a special celebration for Mother's Day. Parents from Babylon I and Babylon IV gathered together for dinner at St. Joseph's Priory Restaurant on Friday, May 7th for dinner. Vini De Smith, a parent, began with a blessing. She put into words the groups thankfulness for the many gifts they received, especially their children. Another parent, Tekeya Neblett, read a poem honoring mothers which she had written. Each parent received a copy of the poem, a flower and a small basket of surprises for themselves.

Ms. Gina Ogburn, Program Director, Ms. Shonda Laurel, Family worker, and Sr. Susie, Parent Involvement Coordinator, joined the group.

All were dressed in their finery. The pleasing atmosphere of the Priory, and the delicious meal helped conversation and laughter come easily.

Parents were also invited to attend a ballet based on Shakespeare's play A Midsummer Night's Dream at Essex County College. It was performed beautifully by the Garden State Ballet Group.

The parents held a Bake Sale Fund Raiser. The parents brought in "homemade" cakes, pies and cookies demonstrating their culinary skills.



The teen moms hosted a very lucrative bake sale, and tasty too!

All who bought and tasted the goodies agreed the parents were good bakers. The parents worked hard and the sale made \$160.59. The money will be used for parent educational activities. We are grateful to all who supported this effort.

Sister Suzanne Janis

Pathmark Employee Of The Month: Chanelle Scott-McCullum

People entering the NCC/Pathmark Pharmacy always get a lift despite their aches and pains, for they are inevitably greeted with a big "hello" by pharmacist Chanelle Scott. Her pleasant smile makes customers ask for her by name to wait on them, says Bill Simmons, store manager.

After graduating from Piscataway (N.J.) High School, Chanelle went on to Howard University where she received her degree in Pharmacology and was on the Pharmacology honor roll. Her peers elected Chanelle president of her graduating class.

She has been with Pathmark a little over a year and recently married. Her husband is also a pharmacist.

We hope you will come in to meet our employee of the month and enjoy her welcoming personality.



Chanelle Scott-McCullum

A Head Start For Pregnant Teens

Babyland Head Start Parent/Child Center is known for the quality services it provides to teenage parents and their children. But there is another component to the Head Start Program — "A Head Start For Pregnant Teens."

Pregnant teenagers receive many services during and after their pregnancy. These services include prenatal care follow-up, nutritional management, counseling, crisis intervention, and support groups — where the teens can share their concerns with other pregnant teens with similar problems. Also included are

field trips, community clinics and hospital visits, childbirth classes, and a host of other services and activities geared for pregnant teens.

All of the services are free of charge, including day care once the child is born.

If this sounds like a program for you or if you just want to ask some questions, contact Gina or Shonda at (201) 399-3400 (the call is confidential). We can help you make a "difference" in your life and your child's!

Gina M. Ogburn
Head Start Director

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Doing The Right Thing

During the past five months, articles have appeared sharing with readers new developments, events, and other activities of the young adults participating in the Youth Employment and Training program.

This month, however the participants would like to share with you the impact this program has had on them.

"When I first started this program, I didn't take anything seriously. Then as the months began to pass, I started realizing that life is not a joke. The program helped me to see that it's hard and competitive out there in the real world, but through acquiring a good education and the right attitude you can make it less difficult. It has helped me to build a higher level of self-esteem, and maturity, enabling me to set my priorities straight so I can successfully achieve my goals — something I didn't have before entering this program. Now I have my GED, a trade and will enter Bloomfield College in the fall as a full-time on campus student."

Tollie McGatt, age 18

"This program has enhanced my abilities to achieve goals I have set for the future. It has also exposed me to obstacles I'll face and will now be able to handle as they come. I would like to thank both Ms. Harrow and Ms. McKoy for the opportunities they have offered by accepting me in this program and putting up with me in my time of immaturity. This program has been

somewhat of a second family for me. I have met new people and been to new places. My sincere appreciation goes out to all concerned in the development of this program."

Alicia Holland, age 17

"Before I started this program, I was lost; I wasn't performing well in school. Then I joined the program because I felt I could get more out of it than returning to regular school. Since joining a lot has changed for the better. I am now doing well in my trade and GED classes. I am really trying hard to make something of myself due to the help of this program. It has not only benefited me money-wise but educationally too. It has helped me to focus on life and prepare myself for the outside world. By joining this program I have changed in many different but positive ways. Without this program I would probably find myself in a whole lot of trouble or somewhere I didn't want to be."

Shareef White, age 17

"I like this program, because it offers a lot of benefits, like giving you a job and paying you at the same time. Most programs won't pay you. This program also puts you in school to help you get your GED and a trade. The best part is it is all free. Most programs want something back if they give you all this; the only thing NCC wants is for you to achieve and make something positive of yourself. The people here really care about you, and want to see you get somewhere in this world. I

have been in a few programs, and in my opinion — this is the best program anyone could ever have the opportunity of joining."

Rashn Fisher, age 20

"This program has benefited me in many ways. I have learned so much more going to Essex County Vo-Tech. There are so many new people I have met and places we have gone to that motivated me to try harder to reach my goals. The program has shown me how to be responsible and hard working, also how to have patience with other people. I am grateful for the understanding people of the program show towards us. They listen to our problems and do not throw them to the side. They try to help each and every one of us in any way they can."

Miguel Tirado, age 17

"This program has helped me to become more responsible in doing things for myself. I have realized that going to work and school is hard, but if I want to achieve something in life, these are the things I will have to do. I enjoy working with the people at my job-site, and also going to my vocational training classes because it will help me later on in life. I think this program will help a lot of people if they are serious about doing something for themselves and achieving goals successfully. This is the best thing that has happened to me in a long while."

Shakira Hill, age 20

"This program has a lot for me to become more responsible. I never really had a job, now I know what it feels like to get up early in the morning to go to work. It is better than just sitting around all day doing nothing. It keeps me off the streets and gives me more positive things to do, like getting my GED and learning a trade. It also helps you to direct your life in a better manner so you can get it together."

Farrd Thomas, age 19

"Joining this program was the best step I made since dropping out of

school. It has given me a chance to prove myself. I promised myself that I would do better if given a second chance, and so far I am living up to that promise."

Ito Omar Lightford, age 18

And there you have it. I hope you have enjoyed reading about the progress these young men and women are making while striving to achieve so that the world can be a better place for all of us.

Next month, Young Fathers: Striving to better themselves so their children can have a brighter future.

Maintenance Learning Continues

On May 12, 1993, Emil Molnar, Palford Drye, Glendon Demetrius, Reginald Baker, Thornell Moore and Felizardo Wy of the New Community Central Maintenance Department attended a seminar presented by the Carrier Corporation of South Plainfield.

The Seminar focused on Chloro-fluorocarbon (CFC) containment, while servicing air conditioning systems.

Other subjects included the maintenance of reciprocating, absorption and centrifugal chillers.

A lively question and answer session followed the seminar.

All attendees gained valuable information, which they will use in their daily work, maintaining our cooling systems at New Community.

Emil Molnar



Look Who's Touring!



The Reverend Buster Soares (pointing) with members of the First Baptist Church of Somerset Task Force on Community Economic Development toured New Community as Kathy Spivey (near pole) and Larry Goldston (far right) of NCC listened to remarks.



Teachers and administrators from Bloomfield College recently stopped by Babyland III while on their tour of New Community. They were impressed by the clean and colorful surroundings as well the variety of activities for the children.

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Seniors Swing At Douglass-Harrison

Tuesday, May 4th, ushered in a good time for the seniors from Douglass-Harrison. Management and the tenants of NCC Commons opened their doors so that we could celebrate in style and celebrate we did.

The afternoon was inaugurated with

The special treat of the day came with our entertainment known as the "Grand Dads." The Grand Dads had from and perform in various areas of Union County and consist of Leader Vince Newhart on the piano, Frank Francese - mandolin, Ed Cardnal - sax-



The Grand-Dads (foreground) really livened up Douglass-Harrison's Spring Pling with their upbeat selection of music from the 40's and 50's.

a buffet dinner consisting of roast chicken, sweet potatoes, corn, greens, and cold beverages. Flower centerpieces adorned the tables and at the conclusion of the day were taken home by the person sitting at the lucky place. We continued to celebrate with an array of prizes awarded by Sister Helene to the persons holding the winning numbers.

aphone, Herb Latervassen - trumpet, Bill Tinschmidt - harmonica, Henry Hauck - drummer, and Walter Timmer - bass fiddle. Their music was especially suited to the audience and as a result there was singing, dancing and just lots of fun.

A good time was truly had by all at the Douglass-Harrison Senior Celebration!

Sr. Ellie

A Prayer Answered

An additional social worker to assist with the responsibilities of the NC Associates seniors was recently being sought and our prayers have been answered with the arrival of Mrs. Ineabelle Zayas who came on board February 1, 1993.

Mrs. Zayas has proven to be a great asset as she not only helps the seniors at Associates, but she also interprets for Spanish families in other areas of NCC Housing.

Mrs. Zayas is very serious about her work. She expresses a genuine concern for each of her tenants in regards to their basic needs, health, nutrition and safety. She is actively involved in the on site Nutrition Program in her building.

Ineabelle was married to Ricky D. Zayas in May 1992. God bless them on their first wedding anniversary. She attends the Spanish Pentecostal Church, Valle De Cedrom in Newark. Her hobbies are writing music, playing tennis, and working in the church.

Mrs. Zayas received her basic and higher educational training in Puerto Rico, where she attended The Universidad Inter Americana. She has also attended SUNY Health



Ineabelle Zayas

Science Center in Syracuse, NY.

Her co-worker Emma Jean Curlin is very thankful to have Ineabelle as both a friend and partner in assisting and serving the residents of NC Associates.

"On Vacation" At Douglass-Harrison

Meet Flossie and Benjamin McGee, a long-residing couple of Douglass-Harrison! In 1937 Flossie McGee came from West Palm Beach on vacation to visit her sister who lived at 106 Barclay Street. She's still "on vacation" because she never returned to Palm Beach! It was while she lived at 106 Barclay that her sister introduced her to Benjamin, whom she started dating. Meeting her husband here is still recalled as the happiest memory of living at Douglass-Harrison. Mrs. McGee reflected back to their wedding day in 1940. They got into a cab, went off to the minister, then returned to her sister's apartment for the reception. This was followed by a honeymoon trip up the Hudson River — a simple yet beautiful day for the both of them.

While waiting for an apartment of their own at DH, the McGees lived for several months in Jersey City. Mr. McGee worked for the Erie Lackawanna Railroad and Mrs. McGee worked in the garment industry until they both retired. Mrs. McGee recalls when the park was being built and the parties they had on the roof. With its promenade tile, the paved roof was a social meeting area for the tenants as well as a place to dry their clothes. The entrance doors were open all day until the guards came around at 10 p.m. to lock them.

In living at Douglass-Harrison for the past 56 years, the McGees boast of having always paid their rent on time no matter what financial difficulty they may have had. This was a responsibility they took seriously. Their



Flossie and Benjamin McGee

apartment is well-maintained and beautifully kept, but they have known tenants over the many years who have not taken such good care of their apartments and consequently are no longer here.

The McGees are an example of loving commitment to each other, their family, friends, and to Douglass-Harrison. We are blessed to have you as tenants these past 56 years!

Sr. Yvette Arnold

New Health Care Program Offered

For the past several months, the New Community Social Service Department has been working with the United Hospital Medical Center (UHMC). The objective is to introduce residents in the greater Essex area to a new health care program — the United Community Health Program (UCHP), funded by the New Jersey Department of Health.

The goal of the United Community Health Program is to provide health care services and/or a primary doctor for Essex County residents in need of health care services.

The services are provided at United Hospital's Community Health Center located at 194 Clinton Avenue in Newark and New Community Health Care Center located at 233 West Market Street in Newark.

Since the program began, the outreach health care social workers, who are part of this program through NCH, have recruited over 300 residents in the Essex County area

from the unemployment offices, churches, day care centers, and by canvassing door to door in the community.

If you are interested, or know of anyone who may need these services, the registration process is quick, simple, and can be done over the phone. For further information concerning the UCHP, contact NCC Social Services Department at 623-9207, 623-9314, or 623-9263.

Cachene C. Winrow
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Happenings At Manor Senior

Springtime wakes us up! We come alive.

Joyce Cook comes bubbling in — ready to go — Mondays and Thursdays at 545 Orange Street. She looks at us...decides the music and exercises we can handle, then says, "Come on, let's do it." We stretch, bend, reach and shake it out till the bewitching time of our individual neck/shoulder massage. And we feel good.

If you want to see in action, come Monday or Friday at 4:00 p.m., to Manor Senior. If you want to see a finished product, come to the International Night, June 11th. We're part of the ENTERTAINMENT.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

All of us want to know that our lives have purpose; that what we do has a positive affect on others. One way to make a difference is to become a Hospice volunteer. You will learn to assist terminally ill patients and their families who wish to remain at home. This could involve companionship for a patient and/or family, shopping services, transportation, or assisting the Hospice office staff. Training classes begin Wednesday, June 23, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at The Hospice, Inc., 3 High St., Glen Ridge, N.J.

The Hospice, Inc. serves patients/families in all of Essex County and the Western part of Hudson County so that volunteers are needed from these areas. TO JOIN — call Honi Weiss, Senior Director of Volunteers at (201) 429-0300.

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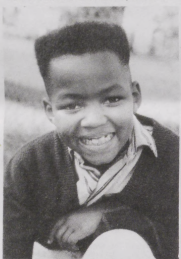


At Your (Social) Service

Student Of The Month

The student of the month for May is Akim Western-Brown. He is a student of Newton Street School. He displays excellent communication skills and gets along well with the other children. Akim is also an "A" student and enjoys art.

CONGRATULATIONS, AKIM!



Akim Brown



The NCC After-School Program

The NCC after-school program is once again pleased to announce that its students received excellent report cards for the third marking period. Akim Western-Brown and Tyra Archer received straight A's and the other children received A's and B's.

We would like to take time to thank the Parent Advisory Council, Joan Baldwin, April Johnson and Teresa Thomas for their continued support throughout the school year. They helped to make our parties and trips a success. The after-school program would also like to thank the other parents who gave their support throughout the year.

Mother-Daughter Art Captures Most Life Experience Award

The Tenants' Association at NC Douglas Homes honored their building's two resident mothers with the most life experience. Between them, Miriam Smith and Viola Foushee have racked up 192 years. That's quite an accomplishment; they must have some great stories!

This celebration was made even more special by the gracious presence of a daughter of each of the honorees. Both are Douglas Homes residents themselves: Miriam James, daughter of Miriam Smith, and Vinishia Holley, daughter of Viola Foushee.

Congratulations and belated Happy Mother's Day to each of you.

Sister Mary Ellen Bennett

In Celebration Of Older American's Month

The month of May is national Older Americans Month and all across the nation groups have made sure that their Golden age citizens are given their due.

The seniors at New Community are always involved in celebrations especially when it is a celebration in their honor.

Each senior building hosted gatherings for their neighbors and friends. NC Associates held a lovely dinner which was well attended and was prepared with the help of many including the staff of Social Services, Jean Curlin Miller, and Ineabelle Zayas. NC Gardens always enlists the help of the younger residents, who cook breakfast, lunch and dinner. The younger members look forward to this event each year and every year it gets better and better.

Douglas-Harrison had their annual "Springing," which was held at NC Commons. This arrangement was made because there is no place for all the residents or seniors to gather in numbers at Douglas-Harrison. The family of NC Commons greeted the Douglas-Harrison members with open arms.

Each building had its own unique affair which allowed for creativity and fellowship among friends.

There were so many things going on in May that one had to keep the calendar handy to make sure nothing was missed.

The monthly Senior Night at the Priory was dedicated to honoring individuals who stood out in the community among the Golden Age population. Floyd Lang, better known as "Poppa Stoppa" was one of the honorees for the evening and he enjoyed a wonderful evening of music and song along with various members of his family.

"Let the Golden Years Be Your Very Best."

Kitty V. Taylor

Poppa Stoppa plays daily at the Atrium in the Priory at Saint Joseph Plaza and an outline of his life and times can be read in Barbara Kukla's book "Swing City."

Other honorees for that evening were: Mother Wilora Holman, a community activist, member of the Newark Housing Commission, the Mayors Senior Commission and a firm believer in uplifting our youth; Mr. Henry Lou DeGroat, president of the Roseville Seniors Club and head usher at Saint Rose of Lima Church; Mrs. Maria Huerfano, from the North Ward Senior Center given honors for her work with the Hispanic community and youth in her area.

tra space because the seniors were the first to be served by four new young ladies who were participating in the CET training program, through the New Community Employment Center.

Other activities included a day of fun for all seniors which was held at NC



Willie Sharp (seated) leads the residents in a joyful chorus at the part of "Older Americans Month" at NC Gardens Seniors.

The NC Senior Advisory Council members had a special meeting in May; they visited the residents of the NC Extended Care Facility and greeted them with token gifts of plants, handy items and cards. After their visit, they gathered at the World of Foods for a delicious luncheon arranged by Kathy Spivey, manager of the World of Foods. This event was co-ordinated on May 28th. This was called a Golden Day of Fun. The day started with exercises most of which were done from their chairs. The fun continued with various games of skill and chance such as bowling, fishing, spoon races (with and without wheelchairs). Lunch was provided through the nutrition program and then there was more fun which followed. The Day of Fun came to a close with the hit movie "Sister Act," and hot dogs, beans and old fashioned lemonade. Not a bad way to spend your day!

There were so many fun filled things going on — right on down to health screenings. May is over but, the fun has only just begun. For our seniors here at New Community there is always a wealth of activity to be found. The monthly calendar is always there with tempting trips, discussions and gatherings.

To all seniors everywhere, in the words of Mrs. Kitty V. Taylor, retired director of Senior Affairs, "Let the Golden Years Be Your Very Best."

Youths Looking To Advance

Word of the summer Learn and Earn Program for 14 to 16 year olds spread like wildfire through New Community's Families Housing Units. Young people looking for summer jobs and computer literacy, encouraged by the success stories of last year's participants, have kept in close contact with the NC Social Services office for the last month, monitoring the progress of their applications.

Could these be the same young people who in ordinary times would never darken the door of the Social Services Office, nor be caught dead talking to the Social Worker for their Housing Complex?

Their summer jobs promise to pro-

vide even greater challenges than this. Meantime, both parties have greatly benefited from the enhanced contact.

Sister Mary Ellen Bennett

ATTENTION RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES OF NEW COMMUNITY CORPORATION

Applications for NCC's Teen Learn and Earn Program, a summer employment program for teens aged 14-18, are available. Please contact Sheranda Evans, Teen Learn and Earn Coordinator at 623-2800 for eligibility and application information.

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Women's Retreat Promotes Unity

Twenty-four women from Northern New Jersey went out to meet spring at the Dominican Retreat House in Elkins Park, PA, near Philadelphia. NC Network members participating in the Women's Weekend Retreat hailed from New Community, Babylon and St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newark. We were joined by a group of friends from Sacred Heart Parish in Jersey City and others.

Converging in one place and being warmly welcomed by the Dominican Sisters quickly gave unity to the



Clesta Wilburn reads a reminiscence from last year's retreat.

group. "We couldn't put our luggage down fast enough! We were so anxious to greet old friends from other years." By the end of the first evening, even the newcomers felt perfectly at home.

The planning committee's work was rewarded. The gorgeous prayer ser-



A very eager troupe of ladies prepare to embark on their long awaited retreat to Elkins Park, PA.

vices they prepared were moving and meaningful. Iris Jones and Chyme Landing from Jersey City and Joyce Cook and Emily Rose-Jukes from Newark used their considerable talents to the max and Mother Nature outdid herself providing a gorgeous setting and beautiful weather.

Our speaker for the weekend, Rev. Yvonne Best, of Bethany Baptist Church in Newark, challenged the group to recognize their own giftedness, and to put it to good use.

Praying and singing was a powerful source of strength, support and unity for everyone and having fun together at the traditional Saturday evening "Gathering" brought out a somewhat

different side of each one present.

Our stay was not nearly long enough. We all departed promising to keep in touch with one another, and to return next year for the Fifth Annual Women's Retreat — a significant anniversary.

After traveling all over the calendar, from December to September to November to April, our retreat finally found a permanent niche: the weekend of the first Sunday in May.

Plan now to join us in 1994: April 29 to May 1. We'd love to have you, and can promise that you'll be glad you came.

Sister Mary Ellen Bennett

Leadership Training Starts Early

On May 11, 1993, we went to Monmouth College with Sr. Dolores and Sr. Joan to participate in a leadership training workshop. We were able to go because St. Rose is a recipient of a Save America grant. We arrived early because they sent out the wrong time. We had a great time.

When we first arrived, we introduced ourselves to two other people who were from Oak Knoll High School. They showed us around the College. It was here that "Annie" was filmed. We saw her bedroom, stairway and the place where the dog runs down the steps.

When the day formally started, a few people from Youth Service America, the hosts of the day, spoke about the program. After that we went to a class which spoke about letting our voices be heard and it taught us self confidence. Next, we went to lunch and ate with the girls we met earlier from Oak Knoll, students from Delbarton, Seton Hall Prep, and St. Rocco's. Together with students from Mount St. Dominic's Academy, we will be interviewing older people to share their stories of history. We will be writing these stories.

We also played a game at lunch. Each table had to portray a picture without using any words. The other people in the room had to guess what it was.

Later on in the day, we had another class which taught us how to make our dreams come true. It was really a lot of fun.

Quadiyyah Hill and Leslie McClendon

Senior Month In Review

May was Senior Month and our "Seniors" are real volunteers.

Without them we would have:

NO SHARE (a food service program) — Brown Bag or Commodities to mention a few good food programs.

NO Bingo — Doughnut sales — mini flea markets where prizes and sales prices make good things available.

NO Bulletin Board that make goings on visible.

NO Clarion deliveries that make news in NCC available.

NO Fish Fry or hot dog lunches — generating money for other activities.

Thank you seniors at 545 Orange St. for all you do and for who you are.

Getting Involved At Gardens Srs.

The tenants at Gardens Senior building have elected new officers for their tenant association. They are:

Gloria Bradley, President; Jewel Pete Harris, Vice President; Virginia Alston, Secretary; and James North, Treasurer.

At the first tenant association meeting, Ms. Bradley addressed one major concern of the tenants, namely, safety. The president suggested two ways the tenants could help protect themselves: a building watch program and a caring neighbor program were discussed. Another concern was what to do in case of fire. The association has invited the Newark Fire Department to come to speak with the tenants

regarding fire safety.

The president immediately established an activity committee of the tenant association to share in the responsibility of providing activities that will be of interest to the tenants. The members of the association elected the officers for the activity committee:

Carol Fomer, President; James Skipper, Vice President; Dunstan Smith, Secretary; Martha Blackwell, Secretary; and Harriette McCray, Treasurer.

These officers were presented to the membership by Ms. Bradley and installed into office by the manager, Ms. Brenda West on Thursday, April 15, 1993.



Brenda West swears in her tenants' association officers.

Flea Market Offers Fun

A flea market is a fun place for smart shoppers to find real bargains. There is always an abundance of useful items at low, low prices, some collector's items at bargain prices and even the possibility of discovering a valuable antique.

A flea market also gives anyone a chance to make money selling arts, crafts, clothing, bric-a-brac and other unusual items in a convenient and inexpensive way.

Shoppers love flea markets not only because of bargain prices, but there is a feeling of adventure — the fun of surprises and the satisfaction of finding that special thing that you have to take home. That's why smart shoppers shop early for best selections and prices.

The St. Rose of Lima flea market is new but many shoppers have already discovered it. Last month, over 50 vendors were on hand with "EVERYTHING" from accessories to zippers.

St. Rose flea market is open on the first Saturday of each month, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is held in the St. Rose School grounds at the corners of

Orange, West Market and Gray Streets. For more information, call Newton Richards - 623-2800.



There is something for everybody at the St. Rose Flea Market.



Activity committee members are duly sworn in.



Father's Day



Besides its natural sense of progenitor 'Father' has had a number of other meanings among which were: any ancestor, near or remote; a founder, i.e. the first ancestor of a tribe; a benefactor, providing for others as a father; a teacher, a priest, a prophet.

The position and authority of the 'Father' as the head of the family is assumed and sanctioned in Scripture. The father represented the whole family, the property was held in his name, and all was under his superintendence and control. The Father, as the head of the household, had the obligation imposed upon him of bringing up his children in the fear of God, making them well acquainted with the precepts of law, and acting as their instructor and guide. He was the family provider and protector. Filial duty and obedience to the father was strictly enforced and any outrage against him, such as rebellion against his authority was made a capital offense. (Exodus 21:15; Deuteronomy 21:18-21).

Today, our seldom hears or reads about good nuclear families in which there are caring mothers and loving fathers, but nevertheless loving families as a unit, are the norm. Fathers reliably work to provide for

their families; are faithful non-violent companions to their spouses; worthy role-models for their children; good citizens obeying the laws of God and man. They vote; take an interest in their communities; have clean habits; bills, and aspirations. One aspiration is a better life for their children whom, at home, they teach the traditional biblical values and the difference between right and wrong. They exemplify the virtues and qualities they want their children to emulate.

This Father's Day let us praise the much overlooked, frequently forgotten, and expediently unsupported 'Fathers' who help to serve as spiritually strong foundations and moral inner-structures of God-fearing families that produce God-fearing children and good citizens so often seemingly invisible.

Now, there is another father, God the Father, the first Person of the Trinity, the Father of His redeemed and saved people through Jesus Christ. Let us focus our lives on HIM, our greatest FATHER, and emulate HIM.

Lewis Graves, Emeritus
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Sharing What They Have

The children of St. Rose of Lima School, during the earlier months of the year, collected money in their classrooms. The money was gathered to help the homeless and poor in the City of Newark.

The children gave the money to their neighbor across the street, First Hopewell Missionary Church, on Orange Street. They have a food pan-

try that helps out those who are experiencing hard times.

Earlier this year, the children helped those far away who were suffering from hunger and malnutrition by giving money to the people suffering in Somalia.

Reaching out to others and sharing what they have is a goal of St. Rose.

Sr. Joan



Seen here with Ms. Williams, food pantry coordinator, are: Shante Pritchett, Aramis Avellanet, Autumn Phillips, Jasmin Thomas, Melissa Rivas, Lamarr Calloway, Nicole Wheeler, Lisette Mansonet, Nelson Rios, Greg Kornegay, and Greg Stewart.

★★★★★A Star Rising★★★★★

In an age when one reads so much about our youth which is negative, it is most encouraging to hear about one who is doing well.

At Saint Rose of Lima School, Newark, the class of Mr. Ouche is very proud for a fellow classmate, Miss Tonika Johnson, who took the honor of first place in the JT Productions annual Junior Miss Teen Pageant, which was held at the Quality Inn in May.

Ms. Johnson excelled in the areas of grace and poise, the fashion competition and in the difficult area of public elocution, where she was posed with the question, "What would you tell people about the contest?" Ms. Johnson's response was that she would tell them how very nice all the people had been in assisting her and coaching her in the proper attitudes and self-confidence. She attributes a great deal to Ms. Theresa Randolph, the manager of JT Productions and the talent contest. Ms. Randolph was a friend to all the girls and helped them to believe in themselves.

Tonika became involved in the



Tonika Johnson

pageant through her sister who is a model. At times, Tonika expressed that she felt like dropping out of the running, but, she has her "best

Volunteer Service Learning

Saint Rose of Lima School has been providing opportunities for students to volunteer in outreach programs. For at least two years, the students have participated in a Christian Service Course three hours a week during the last three months of school. There also have been canned food drives, walk-a-thons, visits, card writing and entertainment for the elderly and babies.

The goals and objectives stated in the service corps project introduced students to an awareness of "oneness" with others, a sense of compassion, the need for support in community, and that working for justice takes on two dimensions: (a) direct service, and (b) changing unjust structures. Our young people were challenged to work in the BabyLand Day Care Center, Extended Care Facility, Harmony House for Transitional Housing, Senior Citizens Housing Developments, and many other New Community departments.

Building on this tradition, this year Saint Rose of Lima School has initiated a service-learning project that will bring together students of diverse backgrounds, ages, and cultures to work on a Community project of oral history. Students from Mt. Saint Dominic Academy, Seton Hall Prep, Oak Knoll, Delbarton, and students

from the elementary level of Saint Rose of Lima and Saint Rocco's will come together for interaction among themselves as well as among senior adults.

Consultants will conduct sessions on oral history, interviewing techniques, technical assistance and communication skills (writing, video, drama). Students will receive leadership training, enhanced self esteem, and an understanding of responsibility for community service. Participants will practice interviewing and taping/voice taping before they go into the field. Effective service learning programs will not only involve students in service activities but provide opportunities and tools so students can learn from their experiences.

"We have stories, too!" will be told by the senior adults; moving and settling in Newark, tales of the depression, influence of church, the wars, the '67 riots, music and food are some of the topics they will cover. During the next three years, our dreams are to write a newsletter, produce a book and a drama, to sew a quilt and to have a food fair. All of this made possible through a Serve America grant, awarded to promote "One New Jersey," by the State of New Jersey Department of Higher Education.

Liberty Science Center Enthralls

Students of grades 6 and 7 of St. Rose of Lima School visited the Liberty Science Center on Wednesday, April 28th. It was a very enriching and rewarding experience for the prospective scientists. Of great interest to the students was their visit to Jim Gary's "Twentieth Century Dinosaurs."

Located on the Invention Floor, and made out of used car parts, it was an investigative and exploratory analysis of what happens within the human brain. Students were also impressed with the exhibits on the Environment Floor, which featured the Green House and Field Station.

The Discovery Rooms generated a

lot of excitement with students and teachers experiencing the "Touch Tunnel," a crawl through a darkened tunnel, made possible only by using the "sense of touch."

Seventh grader Jaimine Paddyfoot, as honor roll student since the first grade, had these comments: "It was the most informative and educational field trip I have ever experienced."

Many students have vowed to return to the Science Center in the summer. Parents and chaperones who accompanied the students, were also planning on returning with friends and relatives.

Camillus Ventour

Thank You All

As the 1992-1993 academic year is coming to an end we at Saint Rose of Lima School are looking to the future, but remembering the past. In our remembering, we now take the time to express our appreciation to the many wonderful organizations and people who have assisted us in our journey.

Our overall operation has been assisted by the Victoria Foundation, the Amelior Foundation, New Community Foundation, Prudential, and New Community Corporation. We also have received a mini grant from the Junior League of Summit, Inc. to

help furnish our new science lab. Much energy and many hours have been volunteered to our school through students and personnel from Caldwell College, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Mt. Saint Dominic Academy, Seton Hall Prep, Oak Knoll, Delbarton, Short Hills Teacher Aides, and Saint Rose of Lima School Board Members.

There are many others who have helped but they wish to remain anonymous. To each one of you, we say thank you and wish God's blessings on each of you. Our lives have been enriched.

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